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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

The Notification indicates that the oath or declaration is missing. Therefore, enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application.

The Notification also indicates that the translation of the application into English is missing. However, the international (PCT) application was initially filed with the United States Receiving Office in the English language. Therefore, Applicants believe that this requirement is not necessary, and no processing fee should be incurred.

Fees

- Any required fee will be made at the time of submission via EFS-Web. In the event fees are not or cannot be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission, please charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16(f) which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.
- Please charge any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16(f) and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. (One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is enclosed.)
- Please charge any additional fees associated with the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. This authorization includes the fee for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested.
- Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted

Date

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